

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claims are amended to remove parentheticals, claims 1 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claims 2 and 8 and claims 2 and 8 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending. Thus, the prior art rejections of pending claims 1 and 3-7 are traversed and those claims are allowable.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, Applicants request issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of claims 1 and 3-7. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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